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NOVEMBER ANTLERLESS SEASON DEER LICENSES ON SALE NOV. 15

DES MOINES – November antlerless season licenses go on sale Nov. 15, in the counties that have antlerless licenses remaining. The hunting regulations incorrectly listed the on sale date as Nov. 10. The antlerless deer only season runs Nov. 28, 29 and 30.

Currently, there are 52 counties primarily in southern and eastern Iowa that have antlerless-only licenses available. For a listing of counties, go to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources website www.iowadnr.gov then click on Licenses in the navigation column on the left, then click on Current Availability of Limited Quota of Deer and Turkey Licenses, then on Resident Antlerless Deer by County.

Hunters may purchase as many licenses as they wish until the quota is filled. Licenses are sold on a first come, first serve basis.

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FALL TURKEY LICENSES REMAIN AVAILABLE

Since Nov. 1, resident fall turkey hunters could purchase one additional paid combination gun/bow license in any zone where the quotas have not filled. Zones 4, 5, 6 and 7 have licenses remaining.

For a listing of zone with licenses available, go to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources website www.iowadnr.gov then click on Licenses in the navigation column on

the left, then click on Current Availability of Limited Quota of Deer and Turkey Licenses, then on Resident Fall Turkey.

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DNR HONORS CONTRIBUTIONS OF STATEWIDE VOLUNTEERS

DES MOINES — Volunteers from around the state gathered at the Des Moines Botanical Center Saturday, Nov. 8, for an awards banquet to honor their service to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

The eighth annual Volunteers in Natural Resources Awards Banquet was an opportunity to recognize the contributions of one of the DNR's most valuable resources—volunteers. Volunteers and guests enjoyed lunch, presentations about volunteer efforts and effectiveness within Iowa, as well as bald eagle and hawk rehabilitation and reintroduction, an awards ceremony and the opportunity to share their volunteer achievements with each other.

Groups and individuals were recognized for donating numerous hours of service to their projects including an Eagle Scout who recruited 25 others to help him rehabilitate a farm site to its pre-1880 native habitat and residents who formed a group to reclaim and rehabilitate their park. All nominees clearly fit within the theme of the banquet "Being the Difference."

"We depend on our volunteers very, very much," DNR Deputy Director Liz Christiansen told the group. "Over 230,000 volunteer hours were donated to the DNR. That's extraordinary." Christiansen went on to explain that those hours would have cost the DNR \$3.4 million and would have required the department to add 112 full-time employees.

Award winners from the Keepers of the Land volunteer program:

- Ty Zirker from Dubuque won the Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award for his Eagle Scout work restoring the pre-1880 habitat to the Junkerman Farmsite within the Mine of Spain State Park.
- Pauline Longnecker from Treynor won the Outstanding Individual Volunteer Award for her work with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary to expand water safety education efforts.
- The Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association from Cedar Rapids won the Outstanding Group Volunteer Award for the group's efforts in aquatic resource conservation in Eastern Iowa.
- Friends of Fort Defiance collected the Outstanding Large Project Volunteer Award for their enhancement and rehabilitation of Fort Defiance State Park.
- Michael Hawkins from the Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery won the Outstanding DNR Staff Award for his leadership in water conservation and wetland restoration volunteer programs.
- Ken Hyman and Bob Willis took home the Outstanding Small Volunteer Project Volunteer Award and the Director's Award for their outstanding efforts ensuring

critical research was completed for the health and sustainability of Iowa's fisheries.

Keepers of the Land is the volunteer program within the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. More information on and volunteer opportunities are available at www.keepersoftheland.org.

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NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION TO MEET NOV. 13 IN MARSHALL COUNTY

MARSHALLTOWN – The Natural Resource Commission of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources will meet at 8:30 a.m., Nov. 13, at the Marshall County Conservation Board's Grimes Farm Education Center, 2349 233rd Street, near Marshalltown.

Commission and DNR staff will meet at the Comfort Inn in Marshalltown at 12:30 p.m., Nov. 12, for a tour of the area. The tour and the meeting are open to the public.

Members of the commission are Kim Francisco, Elizabeth Garst, Carol Kramer, Gregory Drees, Janelle Rettig, William Bird and Tammi Kircher. The Director of the DNR is Richard Leopold.

The following is the agenda for the November meeting.

- Approve Agenda
- Approve Minutes of Oct. 9 Meeting
- Director's Remarks
- Honey Creek Resort State Park Monthly Update
- Construction Projects
 - Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF) Basaillon Wetland Reserve Program (WRP), Dickinson County Wetland Restoration
 - Peterson WRP, Dickinson County Wetland Restoration
 - Hendrickson Marsh, Story County Boat Ramp and Parking Lot
 - Green Valley Lake, Union County Shoreline Protection and Fish Habitat Construction
 - Meadow Lake, Adair County Fish Habitat Development and Outlet Structure Repair
- Backbone State Park, Delaware County 2008 Flood Repair
- Land Acquisition
 - Elinor Bedell State Park, Dickinson County Eric and Kelly Hoien, Michael and Susan Hoien, Rebecca Hoien Fortis and Bill Fortis
 - Conservation Easement, Hamilton County David and Annette Volkers

- Upper Iowa River Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Winneshiek County Mark and Lynn Krivachek
- Upper Iowa River WMA, Winneshiek County INHF
- Waterloo Creek WMA, Allamakee County Haugen Living Trust
- Sweet Marsh WMA, Bremer County Scott and Beth Schellhorn
- Kellerton Bird Conservation Area, Ringgold County Joe and Ann Meyer
- Land Management Project Approval
 - Robert "Chic" McLaughlin Conservation Easement Area, Buchanan County
 - Pine Ridge Recreation Area, Hardin County
- Chapter 88, Fishing Tournaments Final Rule
- Chapter 85, Trotlines Final Rule
- Chapter 81, Fishing Regulations Final Rule
- Hardwood Timber Sale Stephens State Forest
- Chapter 71, Nursery Stock Sale to the Public Final Rule
- Chapter 45, Boat Motor Regulations Final Rule
- Chapter 106, Deer Hunting by Residents Final Rule
- Brushy Creek Trails Advisory Board Appointments
- Chapter 61, State Parks and Recreation Areas: Petition for Rulemaking
- Notice of Intended Action, Chapter 13 Permits and Easements for Construction and Other Activities on Public Lands and Waters
- General Discussion
- Items for Next Meeting, Dec. 11, in Polk County

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